



	Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting Minutes - Central May 18 2009 1:00 pm – 3:00 p.m. NEBO Christian Ministries	
Agenda Item	Discussion	Decisions /Follow-up
Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions • Review of March's Minutes & Evaluations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carolyn Massey welcomed everyone and introductions occurred. 	
Meeting Framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of RAC • Meeting Purpose 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carolyn Massey and Karen Bellesky gave an overview of the RAC and explained the purpose of the meeting. 	
HIV Care Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monique Hitch Deputy Chief, Center for HIV Care Services AIDS Administration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monique Hitch reviewed the HIV Care Priorities and the Allocation Formula for SY2010 –Central Region (handouts provided) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background • Brief Overview of Parts B&D • Minority AIDS Initiative • Health Services Support • HIV Health Services by Region • Health Services Support • Prioritization of HIV Care Needs • Priorities for Use of Part B Funding, Central Region • SFY10 Allocation Formula • Distribution of Part B Funds • The Maryland HIV Services Allocation Formula • Regional Allocations of Part B Funds from Allocation Formula SFY10 • Allocation Variables-Central Region • Public Comments Regarding the Allocation Formula 	



<p>Epidemiology Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colin Flynn, Chief of the Center for Surveillance and Epidemiology AIDS Administration 	<p>Colin Flynn presented HIV/AIDS in Central Region: An epidemiological Profile</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2007 AIDS Case Report Rates and Estimated Adult AIDS Prevalence Rates Maryland HIV/AIDS Trends Factors Affecting Maryland's Incidence Trends Maryland HIV/AIDS Prevalence Maryland Regional Advisory Committee Regions Maryland HIV/AIDS Prevalence by Region, 12/31/07 HIV/AIDS Trends Central HIV/AIDS Prevalence Central Central HIV/AIDS Prevalence by County, 12/31/07 HIV/AIDS Prevalence Rates per 100,000 Population by County, Central , 12/31/07 Population and HIV/AIDS Prevalence by Gender, Central HIV Incidence by Gender by Year of Diagnosis, Central Population and HIV/AIDS Prevalence by Race/Ethnicity, Central HIV Incidence by Race/Ethnicity by Year of Diagnosis, Central Population and HIV/AIDS Prevalence by Age, Central HIV Incidence by Age by Year of Diagnosis, Central Risk Categories Percent of Cases with Risk Reported through 12/31/08, by Year of HIV Diagnosis, Central HIV/AIDS Prevalence by Risk, Central , 12/31/07 HIV/AIDS Prevalence by Risk across Gender, Central , 12/31/07 HIV Incidence by Risk by Year of Diagnosis, Central HIV/AIDS in the Central Region HIV/AIDS in the Central Region: Demographics HIV/AIDS in the Central Region: Transmission Risk 	
<p>Prevention Dialogue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dionna Robinson, AIDS Administration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dionna Robinson introduced the HIV Prevention Dialogue, reviewed the discussion objectives and provided an overview of the process. (handouts provided) RAC members divided into three small groups and discussed the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are the current prevention needs in your community? What services or activities are currently available in your community to reduce HIV transmission? 	



	<p>– What additional services or activities are needed to reduce HIV transmission?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dionna discussed next steps for utilizing the feedback provided by the RAC to plan HIV prevention efforts. 	
MSM Strategic Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kip Castner, AIDS Administration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kip Castner informed the group about the MSM Response Team, convened by the AIDS Administration to focus on the HIV prevention programming needs of MSM. The MSM Response Team is conducting a series of discussion groups of MSM in all five regions of Maryland. Kip asked for RAC participants' help in identifying men who could be trained to lead the discussion groups, recruit participants, or participate in them. 	
Wrap Up Community Input and Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a RAC meeting, Capacity Building Session, on June 10, 2009 10a.m.-2:00p.m. at Chesapeake Community College and June 11, 2009 4:30p.m.-8p.m. at the Radisson Cross Keys. • The next Central RAC meeting will be September 14, 2009 4:30pm-7pm at the NEBO Christian Ministries • It was commended by attendees that the turnout was great today. • Women accepting responsibility are having an event on June 27, 2009 at 2300 Garrison Blvd. • Convoy of hope is holding an event on June 16, 2009 at Clifton Park. This is an excellent opportunity to voice to the community. The event is free. There is a meeting tomorrow to discuss the event in further detail. www.convoyofhope.com or Twitter Convoy of Hope • STAR coalition meeting will be held on June 3, 2009. • Carolyn Massey announced that Anne Arundel County has started an HIV Commission. The commission will be providing advice, the situation in the county, the needs, and suggestions to the local government. • Attendance at today's meeting: 74 	

Respectfully Submitted,
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Central Regional Advisory Committee HIV Prevention Dialogue Notes: May 5, 2009



What are the current prevention needs in your community?

- Lagging behind other major cities; NY, San Francisco - Baltimore
- Target prevention programs to high-risk groups
- Where are African Americans
- Websites
- Not enough **outreach** – 21217, 21216
- More HIV+ people sharing
- More HIV testing – incentives
- Coalition based Community Assn. groups – establish relationships – let them guide activities – assest based – gender-based groups
- Need more **effective outreach**
- Fine tune to maximize efforts & resources e.g. how to map; what time to reach people (have a presence in community)
- Evaluate activities regularly
- Need more technical assistance – experts cross – sharing of info between Community Based Organizationss
- Recognizing abilities to do outreach
- Stigma
- Lack of info on HIV testing in Popular Grove
- Lack of HIV prevention messages in mass media
- TV – PSA on HIV prevention messages – where to get tested etc
- Use on a continuous basis
- Age, Awareness, Risk us, Risk, age, aware
- Education
- info is outdated oral sex too.
- Counseling and Testing
- MDs/Doctors – need comfort to do test
- Right people
- Confidential
- Incentives
- Reduce stigma
- Timing: when vans come is not necessarily time person ready to get tested
- *Disconnect 1) Outreach workers are there community members not aware 2) Community members are not READY to seek info
- People hear different messages about HIV transmission
- Messages – how to live in a healthy way
- People who want to become outreach workers need a more rigorous training calendar
- College campuses – no HIV testing?
- 50-59 increased incidence of HIV
- 10-29 need targeted outreach – understand each groups experience with HIV



What services or activities are currently available in your community to reduce HIV transmission?

- Rapid Testing
- Needle exchange program—give info
- Mobile units
- Baltimore Substance Abuse Systems/ Needle Exchange Program/All mobile units dispersing info and testing
- Going to the population instead of population coming to sources
- Agency drop off sites
- Incentives
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- Media, Billboards
- Celebrity, Politicians
- Keep it simple, accessible, quick and easy ex: rapid testing
- Give incentives to draw people in.
- Incentives: Pros and Cons
- Better coordination of care and prevention on federal level. Its trickling to state and local levels
- Prevention for positives—groups (health education); being aware of behaviors.
- SISTA intervention, jail systems detention centers
- PSMP
- Partner Services (Partner Notification) do not reveal sources but encourage
- WILLOW for positives—CDC endorsed for African American women living with HIV
- Needle Exchange (Baltimore City)
- Good medical care
- Support Groups
- Counseling, Testing and Referral (STAR)
- Drug Treatment
- Name based reporting—helps tracking down a health relationship

What additional services or activities are needed to reduce HIV transmission?

Enhance Collaborative Services

- Connect with organizations other than Community Based Organizations e.g. Colleges, universities
- Be responsible – each of us to be source of info for each other
- Funding – for prevention (from PART B) (Ryan White) is limited. Drives activities, not the needs of the community (focus on lives; not \$\$)
- Other types of funding for prevention
- Quality vs. quantity
- Competitive funding – does not encourage collaboration
- There needs to be some sort of way to show to everyone that HIV is an issue for everyone, regardless of income, status, age, etc.
- Information needs to be updated
- Beef up education, need more than just a bowl of condoms in the doctor's office
- Community as a whole needs to take responsibility for this problem. Can't just leave it up to the doctors or counselors to do it
- Make female condoms more readily available in stores, etc.



- Need a system that will help people
- Incentives to people to return for HIV test results
- No incentives because it is a temporary fix - presents an opportunity for further info dissemination to client
- But hard to regulate
- Depends on type of incentive
- Conferences to discuss how to engage political leaders in more discussion about HIV. Try to change leaders' attitudes toward HIV



- Clinics need to have more discussion about HIV, make people comfortable
- Needs to be more HIV/sex education and HIV testing in schools (adolescent age)
- More media coverage about HIV testing
- Preachers and other clergy officials should talk about HIV more in the churches/facilities

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